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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Burton

A RESOLUTION honoring Paul and Shelley Shoopman.

Whereas, Paul Shoopman began working in the construction business in 1971 when he was a teenager;

Whereas, Eager to learn from one of the biggest production homebuilders in the country, Paul Shoopman, an Indianapolis native and a graduate of Emmerich Manual High School, subcontracted with Ryan Homes for three years;

Whereas, Paul and Shelley Shoopman began The Dura Companies in 1974 and by 2004 had built more than 8,000 homes in approximately 200 neighborhoods;

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Whereas, The company quickly grew to become the fifth largest builder in metropolitan Indianapolis;

Whereas, In recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to the building industry, Paul Shoopman received the prestigious award of National Entrepreneur of the Year in the residential category from Ernst & Young and the Golden Spike from the Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis;

Whereas, After selling The Dura Companies, Paul Shoopman founded the Indianapolis-based Indiana Land Development Corporation (ILDC) specializing in identifying, planning, acquiring, and assisting with the development of land parcels for the residential, retail, office, and industrial markets in central Indiana;

Whereas, Throughout their careers, Paul and Shelley Shoopman have always made philanthropy a priority, creating the Carl Asaro 9/11 Scholarship Fund for children of firefighters, police officers, and paramedics, serving as a Godfather for St. Mary's Child Care Center, acting as a corporate sponsor of the family values statuary in Plainfield's Friendship Gardens town park, sponsoring the "Lassie League" girls' softball program in Center Grove, and contributing to the Boys and Girls Club of Zionsville;

Whereas, Paul and Shelley Shoopman's commitment to education is highlighted by their contribution to the Indianapolis Public Schools Foundation's Reading Recognition program and by their contribution of computer equipment to the Oaks Academy, a private, inner-city, kindergarten through grade 9 school; and

Whereas, Throughout the years, Paul and Shelley Shoopman have dedicated their business lives to providing an outstanding product at a fair price and giving Hoosiers more ways to live up to their potential: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives



1 recognizes the outstanding efforts of Paul and Shelley Shoopman in
2 establishing themselves as humanitarians whose efforts have touched
3 the lives of countless Hoosiers of all ages.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul and Shelley
6 Shoopman.

